



## *ATTORNEY GENERAL LAWRENCE WASDEN HONORED WITH "COURAGE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD"*

*(Santa Fe, New Mexico - July 19, 2010) – The Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG) honored Attorney General Lawrence Wasden of Idaho with the CWAG *Courage in Public Service Award* at the Annual CWAG Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico on Monday.*

The Courage in Public Service Award, which was last given out in 2004, was created to recognize an Attorney General who has acted with courage and integrity to uphold the office of the Attorney General, above and beyond the high standards always expected of its occupants, making Wasden a clear choice as the award recipient.

“Wasden has been faced with numerous challenging situations over his years as the Idaho Attorney General,” said Karen White, Executive Director, CWAG. “Placing himself in a position of political peril with his peers, in order to better the state of affairs for the people of Idaho and throughout the country. White also commented that “Attorneys General pledge to follow the Rule of Law which are the principles upon which our justice system is based. Over the twelve years I have worked with Idaho Attorney General Wasden, he has kept that vow time and time again, even when it would have been much easier to side step or ignore an issue. I believe Attorney General Wasden is an effective leader because he consistently does what he thinks follows his legal obligations and responsibilities of office and lets the chips fall where they may.”

The CWAG Profile in Courage in Public Service Award was established by CWAG in June of 2000. This is only the fourth time in a decade the award has been bestowed.

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The Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG) is a bipartisan group comprised of the chief legal officers of 15 western states and three Pacific territories. Members include, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Conference also includes the Pacific jurisdictions of American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam. Associate Members include the states of Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia.

CWAG's primary function is to provide a forum for chief legal officers of member states and jurisdictions to cultivate knowledge, cooperate on concerns and coordinate actions which improve the quality of legal services available to members.

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